

Mass Times Services are only available on the webcam because of COVID restrictions



Monday to Friday 10:00 a.m.

Sunday 11:30 a.m.



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**St. Vincent
de Paul**



**Anyone in need of
assistance please call 8550022**



HELP

SENIOR LINE

If you are an older person and would like someone to talk to, particularly since Covid-19, consider phoning Senior Line. We are Ireland's national confidential service for older people. We are open every day of the year from 10am-10pm. We are older people too, trained to listen and support. We would love to hear from you. **Freefone 1800 80 45 91**

CHURCH OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER

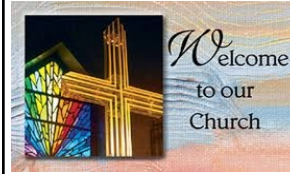
During the roof restoration work the church will be open for private prayer on Saturday and Sundays only.

Saturday from 11:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

Sunday from 12:30 p.m. until 4:00 p.m.

PARISH OFFICE IS CLOSED DURING THE LEVEL 5 RESTRICTIONS

**For all parish queries contact Fr. Kevin on
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St. Patrick's Parish, Monkstown

Sunday 8th Nov. – 32nd Sunday of the Year

Website: www.monkstownparish.ie

TIME IS A GIFT

Some people get a bit sore at this parable of the foolish and sensible bridesmaids. They feel that the sensible ones acted in a mean selfish way. They should have taken the chance and shared their oil in the spirit of one for all and all for one. Those of us who feel uncomfortable with the story probably feel that sensible people are far too sensible anyway. You know; all that caution and planning and saving instead of letting go and having a ball.



There was not enough oil to share because the story is really about a light that cannot be borrowed. There are some tasks you have to do for yourself; believing, hoping, loving. Nobody can do your believing for you, or hoping, or loving. Faith, hope and charity are three flames we receive at baptism. We must protect these flames from extinction and provide the oil of prayer, study and action to keep them burning ever more brightly. The message of the parable is very clear; be ready for the coming of the Lord. Nothing is more obvious about human life than the fact that everybody must die some time. Yet many of act and think as if we had the right to live on here for ever. The inevitability of death is not being honestly faced. People are tending to live with no thought of where the journey of life is going to. There is a sharp ray of wisdom in the story about the three devils planning a strategy to confuse our thinking and lead us astray:

The first said tell them there is no hell, so there is nothing to be afraid of. The second disagreed no that's not enough. Some fancy they act for more noble motives than fear. Why not tell them that there is no heaven. Take away all hope; take away a future to look forward to. The third spoke out of the experience of his years. Forget about the heaven and hell tactic. That is all too unreal for them. I know how they live and how they think. You must meet them where they are. Don't bother telling them there is no heaven or hell; just tell them there is no hurry.

The parable challenges our assumption that there will always be time; the reality is that there won't always be time, that this lifetime we have been given is very finite, very temporary, and very fragile. Now is the time to be about the Bridegrooms work of compassion, forgiveness and justice.

When we wonder about our readiness for that final examination, the best indicator is our readiness to answer the call today. The past is gone. The future has not come back to meet us. Each present day is all we have to cope with. If you hear his voice today, harden not your hearts; said the psalmist. Today is the day you are to hear the call of the bridegroom, and bear his light and be ready to follow him.

SUPPORTING THE PARISH FINANCIALLY DURING THE PANDEMIC



A frequently asked question posed by parishioners concerns how to support the parish financially at this time. Like so many individuals, organisations and businesses, COVID 19 is placing serious financial pressure upon our parish, especially in the absence of public Masses. At the beginning of the first lockdown in March the priests of the Diocese agreed to a 25% salary reduction however the finances of the diocese are in such a precarious state that this may not even be sufficient to get us through this difficult period.

The parish has also been missing out on the regular income that came from the envelope collection. Contributions to the parish are down nearly 60% since March but the cost of running the parish has not decreased to the same extent. We urgently need your financial support to see us through this period of forced shutdown.

To facilitate parishioners who would like to make a donation online, we have provided this facility on our website www.monkstownparish.ie.

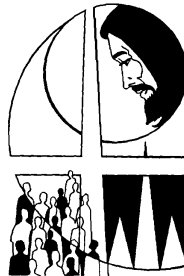
Envelopes are also available in the church and can be dropped in to Fr. Kevin's house or to the parish office. Thanks for your continued support.

NOVEMBER ALTAR LIST



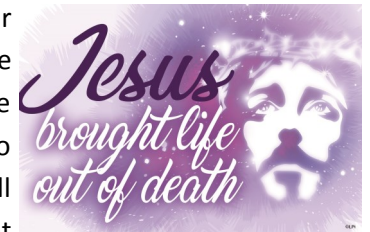
We are currently compiling the Altar List of the Dead for the year ahead. The names on the list are remembered at the First Friday Mass throughout the year and at all weekend masses in November. If you would like to

have a loved ones name included on the list please collect an envelope and sheet from the back of the church on a Saturday or Sunday and return it to either Fr. Kevin's house or the parish office.



PARISH MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

Each year we have a mass when we remember those who have died during the previous twelve months. Usually we invite the families of the deceased to gather with us for the mass to remember their loved ones. This of course will not be possible this year because of the current



COVID restrictions. However on the last Sunday of the church year **Sunday 22nd of November** we invite you to join us via the parish webcam for a mass of remembrance at 11:30 a.m. when the names of all those who have died during the year will be read out and a candle lit in their memory. If you have a loved one whose funeral took place in the past twelve months outside the parish and you wish to have them included please email the name to Fr. Kevin revkevmonkstown1@gmail.com before the 15th of November.

Mass Intentions

Sunday 11:30 a.m.

Brendan Briscoe (A), Rita & Jerome Daly (A)

Maura & Denis O'Sullivan (A), Austin Murray (A)

Seamus O'Connor & Jack Creedon (R.D.)



NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS 33rd Sunday of the Year



First Reading: Proverbs 31:10-13,19-20,30-31 : *The virtues of a good wife are extolled.*

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6 : *Paul warns them to stay alert because the day of the Lord cannot be predicted.* **Gospel Reading:** Matthew 25:14-30 : *Jesus tells the parable of the talents, in which he teaches about the importance of using the gifts that God has given to us in service to the Kingdom of Heaven.*